

## DR. GRANT STANDS BY LAY SPEAKERS IN THE CHURCHES

Pastor of the Church of the Ascension Reopens Breach With Bishop.

Bishop Charles S. Burch of the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of New York refused to comment in any way to-day on the sermon preached by the Rev. Percy Stickney Grant of the Church of the Ascension yesterday on the subject: "Should Churches Be Consecrated?" The sermon was regarded as likely to start anew the controversy between the pastor of the Church of the Ascension and the Bishop.

Bishop Burch last spring issued an ecclesiastical order that laymen should not be permitted to make speeches in the church at regular services and that laymen were not to be allowed to address the Church Forum unless their names and the subjects on which they meant to discourse were approved by the authorities.

Dr. Grant in his sermon yesterday took the ground that the consecration of expensive and spacious buildings for religious services exclusively was a relic of paganism. The church under such rules, he said, was limited to actual use for but four or five hours a week.

Three billion dollars' worth of church property is exempt from taxes in the United States, Dr. Grant said, on the ground that churches are necessary for the general good. The least those in control of the churches could do, the rector said, was to keep them open and useful for the greatest good and the greatest number at all times. The churches, he said, are now on a 4 per cent. basis of usefulness when they should be on a 100 per cent. basis.

Dr. Grant went so far as to charge the Episcopal and Roman Catholic church clergy formed "the closest corporation in this country, with which the organization of trades unions was nothing in comparison."

"No formula," said Dr. Grant, "pronounced by a Bishop eighty years ago, at which time a church had been set

## SAYS HE OBJECTED TO NAMING BOLLING

Deaman Feared He Might Be Made Target by Designing Persons.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Employment of R. W. Bolling, brother-in-law of President Wilson, by the Shipping Board, was first proposed in June, 1917, but no action was taken. William Deaman of San Francisco, first Chairman of the board, testified to-day before the special House committee investigating Shipping Board operations. Mr. Bolling is now Treasurer of the board.

"I felt," said Mr. Deaman, "that it would be a grave danger to the President to have such a man in our employ, because he probably would be the object of designing persons who might want to get him in an embarrassing position. I figured, too, that it might bring us embarrassment to have a member of the President's family in the board's employ."

## COLER FEARS RAID UPON HOSPITAL BY DRUG ADDICTS

Hold-ups Nightly Near Cumberland Street Institution; Scant Police Protection.

Declaring to-day that lack of adequate police protection in the vicinity of Cumberland Street Hospital at 100 Cumberland Street, Brooklyn, has resulted in a series of almost nightly hold-ups and robberies in the immediate neighborhood by a gang, many of whose members are drug addicts, Public Welfare Commissioner Rind S.

Coler said the hospital authorities are in constant fear that the institution itself may be raided. They fear, he said, that the gang may force an entrance to loot the institution of drugs kept for hospital use.

Frequent complaints have been received by him from the hospital authorities and from relatives and friends of patients respecting the danger to those who leave or pass the institution at night. None of such are safe from molestation, Mr. Coler asserted.

The Commissioner described four hold-ups in three nights which had

been brought to his attention. The first, on Thursday night, was that of Father Sullivan, rector of the Church of the Sacred Heart. As he emerged from the hospital, after ministering to the spiritual needs of a patient, he was held up within fifty feet of the building and robbed.

A man was beaten and robbed by two thugs Friday night within the shadow of the hospital walls, and on Saturday night another citizen met a like experience. A sailor was beaten and robbed at 2 o'clock Sunday morning within a few feet of the hospital.

Mr. Coler said he intended to call the attention of the proper authorities to the lack of police protection which permitted such a condition to exist.

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